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Attention: Sue Kiser

Attention: Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Stanislaus Council of Governments' (STANCOG) 2006/07-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

1 State, and Local Element

Adds or modifies various projects from three funding programs in Stanislaus County. The amendment includes projects funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, the Regional Surface Transportation Program, and the Railroad-Highway Crossing Programs.

See enclosure.

I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Authority approve this FTIP amendment Number 1 for inclusion into California's 2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination for the projects that are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program.

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The updated programming has been found by STANCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. STANCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Cathy Gomes, of my staff, at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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